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Success Story

AFOSR ANALYST RECEIVES ONE OF GERMANY'S HIGHEST MILITARY HONORS



The Federal Republic of Germany bestowed one of its highest military honors, the Silver Cross of Honor of the Federal Armed Forces, to Mr. Phil Gibber. His efforts single-handedly improved and strengthened the relationship between the United States and Germany. The Silver Cross of Honor of the Federal Armed Forces is rarely awarded to a non-German and is similar in stature to the US Legion of Merit.



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Accomplishment

Mr. Gibber, a retired Navy captain who is an Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFSOR) senior international program analyst, earned the nomination for his personal commitment and dedication to the Engineer and Scientist Exchange program (ESEP) between the US and Germany. Mr. Gibber was instrumental in providing guidance to those looking to secure an exchange slot in the US during a period of heightened security. Since 1963, more than 1,600 engineers, military officers, and civil servants have taken advantage of the opportunity to participate in a 1-year scientific or technical assignment in each other's countries.

Background

Instrumental in AFOSR's ESEP since 1993, Mr. Gibber has dedicated himself to working closely with Germany to place their scientists in positions around the US, enhancing scientific understanding and cooperation between both countries. Creating the mold, he standardized submittal packages to streamline the highly competitive selection process and formulated the blueprint on how to place scientists in other countries. He specifically mapped out the step-by-step process to work with various state departments and ambassadors of the respective countries.

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